

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A machine for grouping products lying on the ground, comprising:

a main frame carrying a first gathering device consisting of a pick-up and at least a second gathering device consisting of a pick-up, each having an inner end located toward a middle portion of the machine, the first and second ~~gathering devices pick-ups~~ situated substantially one beside another with respect to a direction of travel of the machine; and

a first swathing device and a second swathing device are respectively associated with the first and second ~~gathering devices pick-ups~~ and located behind the first and second ~~gathering devices pick-ups~~ with respect to the direction of travel; and

~~separation raking~~ means situated in front of the inner ends of the first and second ~~gathering devices pick-ups~~.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 16, wherein the separation means comprises at least one raking disk for rotating about an axis substantially horizontal and oblique relative to a direction of travel.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 17, comprising two raking disks placed as to practically form a V whose point is pointing in the direction of travel.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 18, wherein the two raking disks are offset one from the other in the direction of travel.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 17, wherein the at least one raking disk is connected to supports articulated on the main frame.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claims 17, wherein the at least one raking disk is driven in rotation by friction motion with the ground.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 16, wherein the separation means comprises at least one raking drum rotating about a substantially vertical axis.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 22, comprising at least two raking drums placed side by side.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 23, wherein the two raking drums are driven in rotation to turn away from one another at a front.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 24, wherein the two raking drums comprise on their lower part a flexible skirt to gather and move products.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 25, wherein the two raking drums comprise driving elements situated above the flexible skirts.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A machine as claimed in claim 16, wherein the ~~separation~~ raking means is situated in front of outer ends of the gathering devices.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A machine as claimed in claim 27, wherein the ~~separation~~ raking means comprises raking disks disposed obliquely relative to the direction of travel to move products toward the first and second gathering devices.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 28, wherein the raking disks are articulated on supports fixed to the first and second gathering devices.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 17, wherein each raking disk comprises a circular support fitted with teeth on its entire periphery.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A machine for grouping products lying on the ground, comprising:

a main frame carrying a first gathering device consisting of a pick-up and at least a second gathering device consisting of a pick-up, each having an inner end located toward a middle portion of the machine, the first and second ~~gathering devices pick-ups~~ situated substantially one beside another with respect to a direction of travel of the machine;

a first swathing device and a second swathing device respectively associated with the first and the second ~~gathering devices pick-ups~~ and located behind the first and second ~~gathering devices pick-ups~~ with respect to the direction of travel; and

means for clearing the strip of land situated between the inner ends of the first and second ~~gathering devices~~ pick-ups.